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EXTENSION OF SUB MARINE CABLE CIRCUIT
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a). Whether the Government has proposed to permitextension of Sub Marine Cable Circuit to inland cities on reasonable fees under Internet Service Providers(ISP) policies;

(b). if so, the details thereof ; and (

(c). the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) to (c): In order to ensure adequate availability of bandwidth for internet in the country, the Government has permitted Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to set up Submarine Cable Landing Stations for international gateways for internet after getting security clearance. The application processing fees for setting up Submarine Cable Landing Stations for international gateways for internet is Rs 50,000. The ISPs are permitted to set up Submarine cable landing stations within a distance of 100 kms. fromsea shore. ISPs setting up Submarine Cable Landing Stations for international gateways for internet have been permitted to sell bandwidth to other ISPs. The ISP can get connected to submarine cable landing station by taking bandwidth from any telecom service provider who is authorized to sell bandwidth.